

Claim Amendments

Please cancel claims 1 and 5-12, and amend claims 17 and 20 as follows:

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A method of ~~sealing~~ opening a container for storing items comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a nestable container, wherein the container comprises:
 - a container bottom;
 - a side wall extending upward from said bottom and terminating in a rim defining the periphery of said container, said side wall tapering from top to bottom such that the container can nest with one or more like containers when lids are not covering the containers;
 - a lid releasably covering said container; ~~and~~
 - an annular surface discontinuity disposed on said side wall intermediate said rim and said container bottom;
 - a tubular layer of shrinkwrap enveloping said tapered side wall and an outer periphery of the lid thereby securing the lid to the side wall; said shrinkwrap being separable from the lid and rim; and
 - a non-adhesive label trapped between the shrinkwrap and the side wall; and
- ~~b) — enveloping the tapered side wall and an outer periphery of the lid with a tubular layer of shrinkwrap;~~
- e) ~~— positioning a non-adhesive label between the shrinkwrap and the side wall; and~~
- d) ~~— securing the lid to the side wall with the shrinkwrap, wherein said shrinkwrap is separable from the lid and rim; and~~
- b) separating the shrinkwrap from the lid and rim to allow the lid to be removed while said layer of shrinkwrap is formed to and covers said surface discontinuity and conforms to the shape of the surface discontinuity thereof to help hold thereby holding the enveloping shrinkwrap in place on the sidewall when the lid is removed ~~and wherein~~

while the non-adhesive label is trapped between the shrinkwrap and the side wall, said label remaining trapped after the lid is removed.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of adhesively affixing a label to the outside of said shrinkwrap layer about said side wall.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said shrinkwrap layer comprises an integral piece of shrink wrap.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein said shrinkwrap layer totally covers ~~the outer periphery of~~ said lid.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises an indentation.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said indentation is proximal to the container bottom.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a plurality of indentations disposed on said side wall.